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Letter dated 6 May 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text, in English, of a statement of the European Economic Community and its member States on recent events in Sarajevo, issued at Lisbon on 5 May 1992 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under item 69 of the preliminary list.

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ANNEX

Declaration on recent events in Sarajevo issued at Lisbon on 5 May 1992 by the European Economic Community

The European Economic Community and its member States exhort all parties in Sarajevo to act with the utmost restraint and to do all in their power to refrain from any further action that might lead to a catastrophic situation of unforeseeable consequences.

The European Economic Community and its member States urge the JNA to fully support the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina in the exercise of its constitutional responsibilities in order to resolve all outstanding issues. They also call upon the legal authorities of the Republic to do all in their power for the immediate lifting of the blockade of the Military Academy and other military installations.

The European Economic Community and its member States condemn the seizure of President Izetbegovic by the JNA on Saturday as well as the repeated shelling of Sarajevo by JNA and irregular forces, which has already caused the death of many innocent civilians and wrought considerable destruction in the city.

The European Economic Community and its member States likewise condemn the attack made on Sunday of a JNA convoy that was proceeding under the terms of an agreement with the presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina, brokered by United Nations and European Economic Community representatives at a time when the basic rules of democracy were being violated by the JNA.

Once again the European Economic Community and its member States appeal to the parties concerned to enforce existing cease-fire agreements, without which no viable political solution to the problems of Bosnia and Herzegovina is possible, and to proceed with negotiations on the withdrawal of the JNA.